



MOVING AHEAD



Sermon summary: The Grand Opening of our Bainbridge Campus is a milestone in our history as a church. But it's only the beginning. Our mission is about far more than buildings. It's about people. As we open this campus, we look at the legacy of another church, thousands of years ago, that was started by nobodies in the middle of nowhere. Despite their obscure origins, the impact of their faithfulness is still being felt today. Like them, we pray that our legacy of faithfulness will be felt in our region for generations to come!

Big Idea: Churches that change the world are focused on changing people.

Icebreaker: What's the most interesting thing you've seen written on a tombstone? What would you want written on yours?

Discussion:

1. Read and discuss Acts 11:19-30. What do you think led these followers of Jesus to share Jesus with a new group of people? Why do you think "the hand of the Lord was with them"?
2. Apart from Barnabas and Saul, most of these Jesus followers in Antioch are anonymous. How do you feel about that? Do you wish we knew their names or are you glad we don't? Why?
3. Barnabas is described as "a good man, full of faith and the Holy Spirit" whose presence and efforts build up the church. Do you know someone like Barnabas? Who are they? How have they impacted you/others? Bonus: encourage them this week by telling them how they've impacted you!
4. The believers in Antioch aren't remembered for their names but for their legacy. What do you want Berean's legacy to be in 50 years? What do you want your legacy to be in 50 years?
5. Explain this statement in your own words: "The mission of the church is missions." How do churches get distracted from this mission? How can we stay focused on this?
6. Who is someone you want to see connected to Jesus? What's something you can do this week to help that happen? How can this group support you in that?

KNOW: Churches that change the world are focused on changing people.

BE: a witness for Jesus in your family, classroom, workplace, and community.

DO: Connect people to Jesus.